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SUBJECT : SOVIET ACCUSATION THAT FINLAND VIOLATED PEACE TREATY AND FRIENDSHIP PACT

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In the first paragraph of the section of the reference despatch bearing the heading "Finn-Soviet Relations" it was reported that the Soviets had on 28 February delivered to the Finns their criticism of the Finn reply on 17 January to the Soviet aide memoire of 31 December 1949 alleging Finn violation of the Peace Treaty and Friendship Pact by harboring persons whose "extradition" the Soviets desired as "war criminals" and traitors.

The Secretary General of the Foreign Office today informed a Legation officer that on 28 February the Finnish minister at Moscow had, under instructions from the Finnish Government, given to Soviet Minister GROMYKO an oral supplement to the Finn reply of 17 January. (The Finn Government had originally instructed the Finn minister to give this oral supplement to a subordinate of GROMYKO, but he had not had an opportunity to do so and had therefore given it to GROMYKO when the latter gave to the former the Soviet criticism on 28 February.) The oral supplement was to the effect that the Finnish authorities had discovered that of the four persons arrested as possibly falling under Article 9 of the Peace Treaty three were Finnish citizens and in the opinion of the Finnish Government did not fall under Article 9 of the Peace Treaty, but that the fourth, a woman, did in the opinion of the Finnish Government fall under that Article and hence was extraditable. However, the Finnish Government desired to bring to the attention of the Soviet Government the fact that the woman had sometime ago married a Finnish citizen and had had children by him and the Finn Government therefore requested the Soviet Government to exempt her on humanitarian grounds from extradition.

The Secretary General stated that thus far the Soviets had not replied to the oral supplement. He also declared that Foreign Minister ENCKELL had decided that the Finn Government would make no reply to the Soviet criticism of 28 February because in effect the criticism had raised no new points and the Finn reply of 17 January had covered all points raised in the Soviet aide memoire of 31 December.

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